

<b>DIVISION OF MINERAL MINING PROCEDURES MANUAL</b>		<b>PROCEDURE NO.</b>	4.8.00
		<b>ISSUE DATE</b>	09/10/91
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Temporary Cessation of Surface Mines	<b>Section</b>	Permitting
		<b>Last Revised</b>	

**OBJECTIVE AND INTENT:**

To allow operations that will be idled for a period in excess of 12 months to enter temporary cessation.

**PROCEDURES:**

Request for temporary cessation of surface mines must be submitted with an ***Request for Amendment (DMM-113)***.

1. When an operator requests temporary cessation of the operation, reclamation must be current according to the following:
  - Regrading must be current.
  - Any exposed toxic or toxic producing material must be covered with four feet of non-toxic material.
  - All approved regraded areas must be seeded according to the approved post-mining land use, or if to be redisturbed, must be seeded with an approved temporary seed mixture..
  - All necessary drainage structures must be constructed and properly maintained. Provisions must be made to prevent ponding in regraded pit areas unless a pond or lake is the post mining land use.
  - The Amendment Form must be reviewed in the field by the operator and Mine Inspector in consultation with the Mine Inspector Supervisor to determine whether site conditions warrant the request.
  - There will be no bond reduction for those areas to be redisturbed when temporary cessation is being considered.
2. Mine Inspectors must require the operator to apply for temporary cessation when their operation has been inactive for a period in excess of 12 months as provided in the Mineral Mining Regulations.
3. The Mine Inspector will request submittal of plans for cessation, including the information and instructions provided in ***Communication Memorandum 02-93*** located in Appendix A.
4. Temporary cessation amendments will be field approved in accordance with *Field Approval Procedure 4.10.00* and *Amendment Procedure 4.6.00*.